

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: In view of the recent disclosures and continuing manipulations of big business, I cannot trust them to provide services at a reasonable cost as they promise to do. Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.